

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:528
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2002
ADULTERATION IN DIESEL
SHANKAR PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a mere mixing of 15 per cent of kerosene with diesel is enough for a petrol pump owner to make a profit of Rs.25,000 per day as reported in the 'Pioneer' dated March 13, 2002;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether the Government's fuel testing laboratory is unable to detect adulteration of this order; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken to prevent such adulteration and to provide safe fuel for the public transport in Delhi and other States in order to safeguard the interest of the users and the public in general?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.528 FOR REPLY DATED 2ND MAY, 2002 REGARDING ADULTERATION IN DIESEL.

(a) to (d) : Due to similarity of products, there is likelihood that unscrupulous elements may adulterate kerosene with diesel. Adulteration of 15% kerosene can be detected in Government's Fuel Testing Laboratory. Steps such as blue dyeing of PDS Kerosene, periodical inspection of the retail outlets, introduction of tamper-proof locking system for tank-trucks, special vigilance drives, etc. are undertaken by the Oil Marketing Companies. Action is taken by the Companies against erring dealers under the provisions of the Marketing Discipline Guidelines and/or Dealership Agreement. Also, under the provisions of the 'Kerosene (Restriction on Use and Fixation of Ceiling Price) Order, 1993', Oil Companies and State Governments can take action against any dealer indulging in adulteration. In addition, the Government have also constituted the Anti Adulteration Cell to oversee the issues arising out of adulteration.